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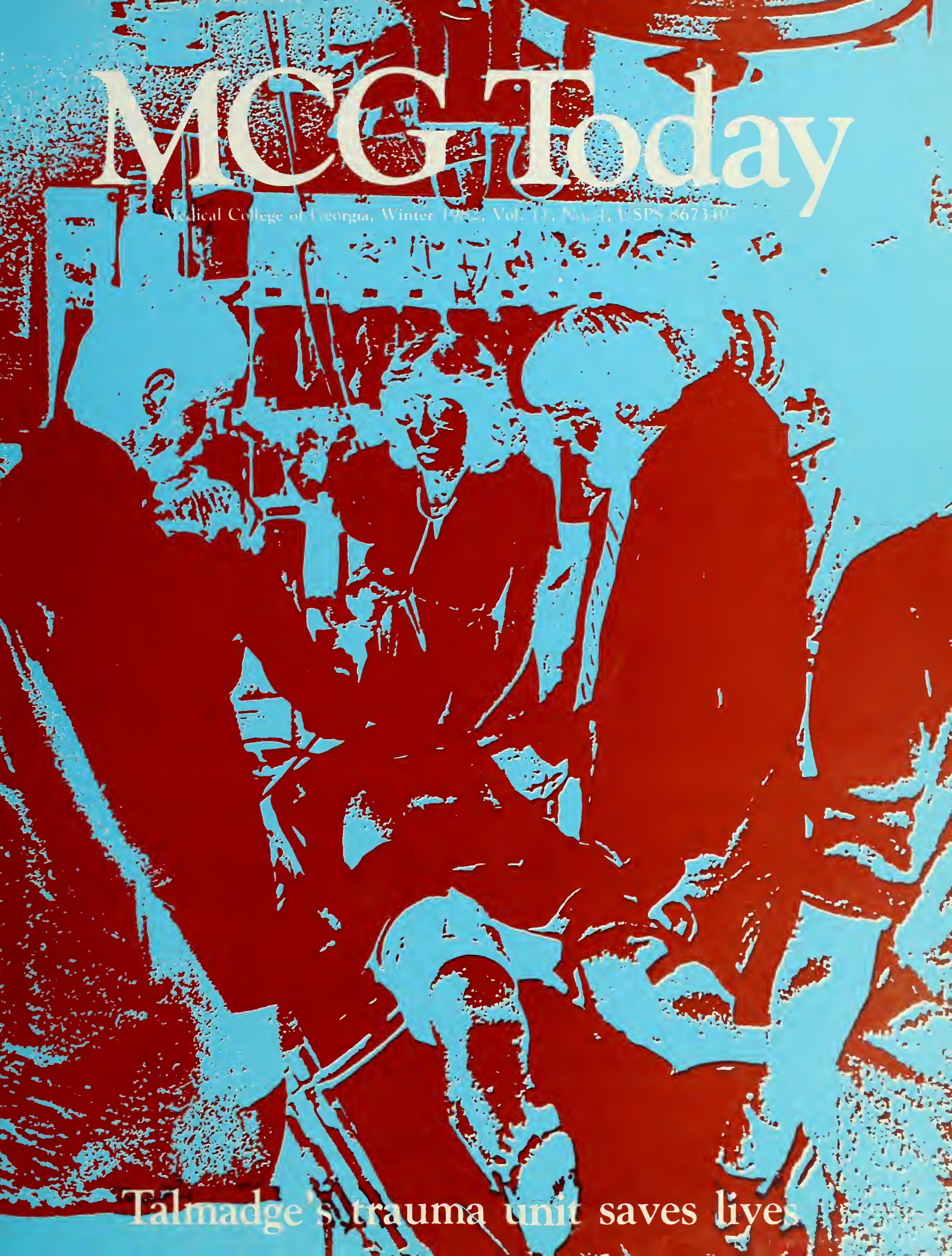

Talmadge's trauma unit saves lives

This issue of MCG *Today* includes our fifth annual *Bench Mark,* honoring 1981-82 donors. It pleases us to see the alumni of all five schools well represented, and it delights us to see so many other donors drawn into the MCG family. The Annual Fund increased in number of donors by 14.6%, and increased in total amount raised by 11.2%. Major gifts also showed a dramatic increase. We publish the *Bench Mark* each year for one reason: To say "Thank You!"

This issue also chronicles the life of Mrs. Phoebe Kandel Rohrer, beloved founder of the MCG School of Nursing. She died just one month away from her 100th birthday. Her accomplishments are an inspiration to everyone associated with MCG, especially to those associated with the profession of nursing.

The MCG Trauma Unit is the cover article for this edition. This dramatic and effective program not only provides care for patients with extreme trauma, but it trains trauma unit personnel, and those who will teach future trauma unit personnel, for other areas of Georgia and the nation.

Few physicians in Georgia receive more genuine professional respect and personal affection than Dr. LaMar S. "Mac" McGinnis. He has been elected President of the School of Medicine Alumni Association, and has already made important organizational changes which will involve more alumni in the work of improving alumni support for MCG. You'll learn more about this superb surgeon in this issue.

Finally, let me pay tribute to Doug Vinson, MCG *Today's* editor, and one of our most respected writers, who closes out his MCG career with this issue. He's going back to UGA to earn a PhD in journalism. He has worked diligently to improve the publication. Many of his ideas and suggestions will be used in future issues of the magazine. We'll miss his dry humor and professional skills. Thanks, Doug.

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Dental school to celebrate "decade of progress"

Dr. Bert Press, president of the American Dental Association, will present the 5th Annual Marvin Goldstein Lecture January 21 and 22 to open the "Decade of Progress" marking the tenth anniversary of the first class to graduate from the MCG School of Dentistry. Dr. Press will speak on "The Successful Contemporary Practice."

Not only did the School of Dentistry graduate its first class in June of 1973, it also graduated its second class in September 1973! This coincidence occurred as a result of a change in the academic calendar.

During the past ten years, the dental school has produced some of the finest dentists in the country. Many feel the success is due to the high caliber of faculty and students who are involved in a unique program of instruction, investigation and involvement.

Encouraged by the success of its alumni, the School of Dentistry is committed to excellence in the three I's as it responds to the dental needs in Georgia in the decades to come.

In addition to the Goldstein Lecture, the "Decade of Progress" will feature 10 additional continuing education programs between January and June.

A highlight of the year will be Homecoming to be held May 6 and 7 when a speaker of the national prominence will be featured at the dental meeting. All former faculty members as well as alumni will be invited to return to campus for this meeting. The classes of 1973 and 1978 will hold reunions during Homecoming.

Plans are still in progress for Commencement in June 1983 which will close the series of events honoring the first decade of service of the School of Dentistry.

Nursing

Phoebe Kandel Rohrer

Phoebe Kandel Rohrer, 99, founder of the MCG School of Nursing died July 2, in Columbus, Ohio.

Rohrer, a native of Greentown, Ohio, distinguished herself as a scholar, educator and author. She earned a permanent place in MCG's history, serving as the first head of the Department of Nursing at the University of Georgia from 1943-1949. In 1956 the program she created was transferred to MCG.

The educator graduated from Lakeside Hospital's Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, (part of Case Western Reserve University) in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1908. She received BS and MA degrees from Teachers College of Columbia University in New York City in 1924 and 1934 and she was also named an Isabel Hampton Robb Scholar. She continued her education at the University of Cincinnati, where she studied sociology and materia medica.

Following her retirement from MCG she was the executive secretary on the Board of Examiners and Registration for Nurses for the state of Mississippi.

She served in many national offices and received numerous awards.

Rohrer was a personal friend and financial benefactor to many students. She was also a generous benefactor to the School of Nursing Endowment Fund. In recent years she lived in the Wesley Glen Retirement Center in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1979 the School of Nursing established the Phoebe Kandel Rohrer Award in recognition of her exemplary dedication to the profession of nursing.

Computer assists in diagnosing birth defects

MCG is now linked to a computerized nationwide birth defects information center to assist in the diagnosis of complex birth defects.

Funded by a $5,000 grant from the Richmond-Columbia March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, the hookup is one of two in the state.

According to Dr. Dorothy Hahn, director of the program and professor of pediatrics at MCG, 250,000 children are born with major birth defects each year in the United States and more than half of all pediatric hospital admissions are related to birth defects.

"The new system, while not promising to make our diagnosis for us, certainly will assist," she says. "It also

could mean earlier diagnosis and, in turn, earlier treatment."

Hahn adds that the computer won't take the place of library research but that it will help in determining where to start looking. "It won't be needed in every instance but it will be particularly helpful when multiple defects are involved," she explains.

The system consists of three parts: Information Retrieval, Diagnostic Assist and an Unknowns Registry.

MCG faculty assume leadership positions

RAHN

Dr. Arthur Rahn, professor and chairman of Prosthodontics at the School of Dentistry, has been elected to full fellowship in the Academy of Denture Prosthetics.

The academy has only 50 full fellowships and membership in the organization is by invitation only. Founded in 1918, it is the oldest prosthodontic society in the country.

He is a graduate of Marquette University School of Dentistry and is the author of a widely used textbook on prosthodontics.

GREEN

Dr. Keith Green, Regents' professor of physiology and ophthalmology, has received a senior international fellowship from the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health. The fellowship will allow him to do clinical and basic research studies to further his glaucoma research at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

MORSE

Dr. Jean Morse, professor of research and development and coordinator for curriculum, recently received a certificate of appreciation from the American Occupational Therapy Foundation at the annual meeting of the American Occupational Therapy Association in Philadelphia.

Morse was one of only four people in the country to receive this honor. She was cited for her work as a consultant and teacher in the Foundation's regional workshops for beginning researchers and for developing an audiocassette instruction course in research.

MAY

Dr. Bella May, chairwoman of the Physical Therapy Department, recently received two prestigious awards at the annual meeting of the American Physical Therapy Association in Anaheim, California.

The editors of *Physical Therapy* and the board of directors of the APTA selected the educator as one of the two recipients of the Golden Pen Award. She was cited "as the author of pertinent and well-written articles that have stimulated a great deal of thought concerning the process of educating physical therapists."

She also received the Lucy Blair Service Award for "exceptional contributions to the APTA through district, chapter and national activities."

HAMMER

Dr. Wade Hammer, professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the School of Dentistry, has been elected vice president of the Southeastern Society for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Hammer has been a member of the MCG dental school faculty since 1968 and is a diplomat of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He has been a member of the executive board of the Southeastern Society for two years and has served as chairman of the membership and credentials committee and the research and residency training committee.

MANSBERGER

Dr. Arlie R. Mansberger Jr., chairman of the Department of Surgery, was elected president of the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons during the chapter's recent annual meeting.

MCG students compete in national contest

Five students from MCG's Department of Medical Technology competed in the Medical Technology Academic Student Bowl finals at the 50th Annual American Society for Medical Technology convention in Houston.

The team advanced to the finals by defeating South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennesee, Alabama and Mississippi in the regional bowl. This marks the first time a team from Georgia made the finals of the competition.

The team members were Elizabeth Wehunt, Terri Arrington, Michael Kline, Amy New and Christy Bell. Ann Anderson and Cleora Barnwell were faculty coordinators.

Energetic School of Medicine alumni president provides leadership

By Larry Christensen

Dr. LaMar Scott McGinnis, Jr., newly elected president of the MCG School of Medicine Alumni Association, grew up in a dusty Texas town where his father worked for the Coca-Cola Company.

In the mid-1930's, when LaMar was a young child, he contracted a serious case of diptheria. He was treated at home by Dr. Alex Coffelt, an internist. "Although I was very young, I was impressed with the depth of concern and competency that a good physician can give." As he grew up, this impression was reinforced many times, drawing him closer to eventually choosing medicine as a profession.

In 1944 his father obtained a job as vice-president and general manager of a soft drink company in Athens, Georgia. LaMar learned to love Georgia and the special kindness of Georgia people. He also began a lifelong interest in University of Georgia football. The soft drink company eventually fell victim to hard times, and in 1949 his parents moved back to the Southwest, but not before LaMar's interest in science was stimulated by outstanding teachers at the old Athens High School, from which he managed to graduate at age 15. He completed his education at the University of Georgia while living at home with his parents. He graduated in 1950 with a B.S. degree from a demanding zoology-chemistry pre-med program.

It was a logical step for him to choose the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta for his medical education. "Cost was always an important factor for me. Because MCG was nearby, and because I planned to practice in Georgia, it was the best selection for me," he recalls. "I still can't believe how inexpensive it was for me to go through medical school." His father paid for his first two year's tuition; LaMar was able to pay the rest by working as an extern in anesthesiology. "I received some meals, a white uniform, and a small stipend. I was single, and somehow the money stretched far enough."

Lamar and Julia McGinnis at their home in Atlanta

LaMar, known as "Mac", lived at the Phi Rho Sigma fraternity house on Troup Street in Augusta. This house became the focal point of his medical education outside of the classroom. He was one of the youngest students in his class. Some of his fraternity brothers had taught school, and others were "grizzled war veterans dropped right out of the South Pacific." Never-

theless, he became president of his fraternity, chairman of the first MCG Honor Council, a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, and was elected permanent president of the Class of 1954.

Two fellow students who had a profound impact upon him were Charles R. Hatcher and F. Dempsey Guillebeau. These two, he recalls, were brilliant, organized, and knew how to study. Hatcher and McGinnis would eat dinner each evening at the Phi Rho Sigma house, play two or three ping pong games, then leave for Guillebeau's house (he was married), where the three "studied like hell" from seven to midnight, interrupted only by Peggy Guillebeau when she served them snacks. As a rule, they never studied beyond midnight, no matter how hard the test the next day might be. Friday and Saturday nights were reserved, however, for "our extensive weekend social life." This discipline got LaMar through medical school, and has served him well to this day.

"I have very warm memories of my years at MCG, mainly because of the association I had with other students there. No matter where I go in Georgia I find close friends from those days. Since the decline of fraternities, I hope that every one of today's medical students has some organization which provides the close associations with other students like those that I still enjoy."

Perhaps because his student days were so special to him, McGinnis is a strong advocate for MCG's students. He has organized a Young Alumni Committee to work with students and new graduates. He is exploring programs designed to get students together with alumni to share experiences. At a recent meeting on the MCG campus with legislators, community leaders, regents and MCG administrators, McGinnis spoke out strongly on major student concerns. He highlighted the almost complete lack of student recreational facilities at MCG. He also supported the idea of setting up "state guaranteed loans" by bond issue, to replace disappearing "federal guaranteed loans" for students in need of financial aid.

McGinnis first met his future wife, Julia, while he was an intern and she was a nursing student at the Royal Victoria Hospital of McGill University in Montreal, Canada. MCG's Dr. Robert B. Greenblatt, himself a graduate of McGill, was a major influence in LaMar's choice of "the Vic." Before their marriage, LaMar did surgical residency work at the University of Texas Medical Center in Galveston, and at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. They were married in Canada in June of 1957, and then left for two final years of residency in Galveston. "Despite the heat, the isolation, the roaches, the tidal waves and hurricanes, I was determined that this marriage was going to work," recalls Julia, still speaking with a mild Canadian accent. The McGinnis family is proud of their Canadian heritage; they raise both American and Canadian flags when they visit their cabin at Lake Burton in North Georgia.

McGinnis served four years in the Air Force at Plattsburg, New York, on the shores of Lake Champlain just 60 miles from Montreal. The base had a new hospital, and McGinnis served as both chief of surgery and chief of professional services. He was pleased to be able to perform more than 600 major surgical procedures each year, and he carried a large administrative workload as well.

When the period of military service was almost complete, the McGinnis family began to look for a place to settle. A close friend in Atlanta, Dr. Fred Allman, told them about two excellent surgeons, Dr. Richard Smoot and Dr. Harold Adams, who were looking for a third partner. After several interviews, LaMar joined them in Atlanta in 1963. "I couldn't have asked for better partners," he says. "They provided important seasoning for my surgical skills." He had an opportunity to sharpen his administrative skills as chief-of-staff at DeKalb General Hospital. He has served and is still serving on many professional committees, boards and commissions. He takes every one seriously. "LaMar is an excellent administrator," explains his wife. "He is a planner, a list-maker, and is well organized in every way. He works well with all kinds of people."

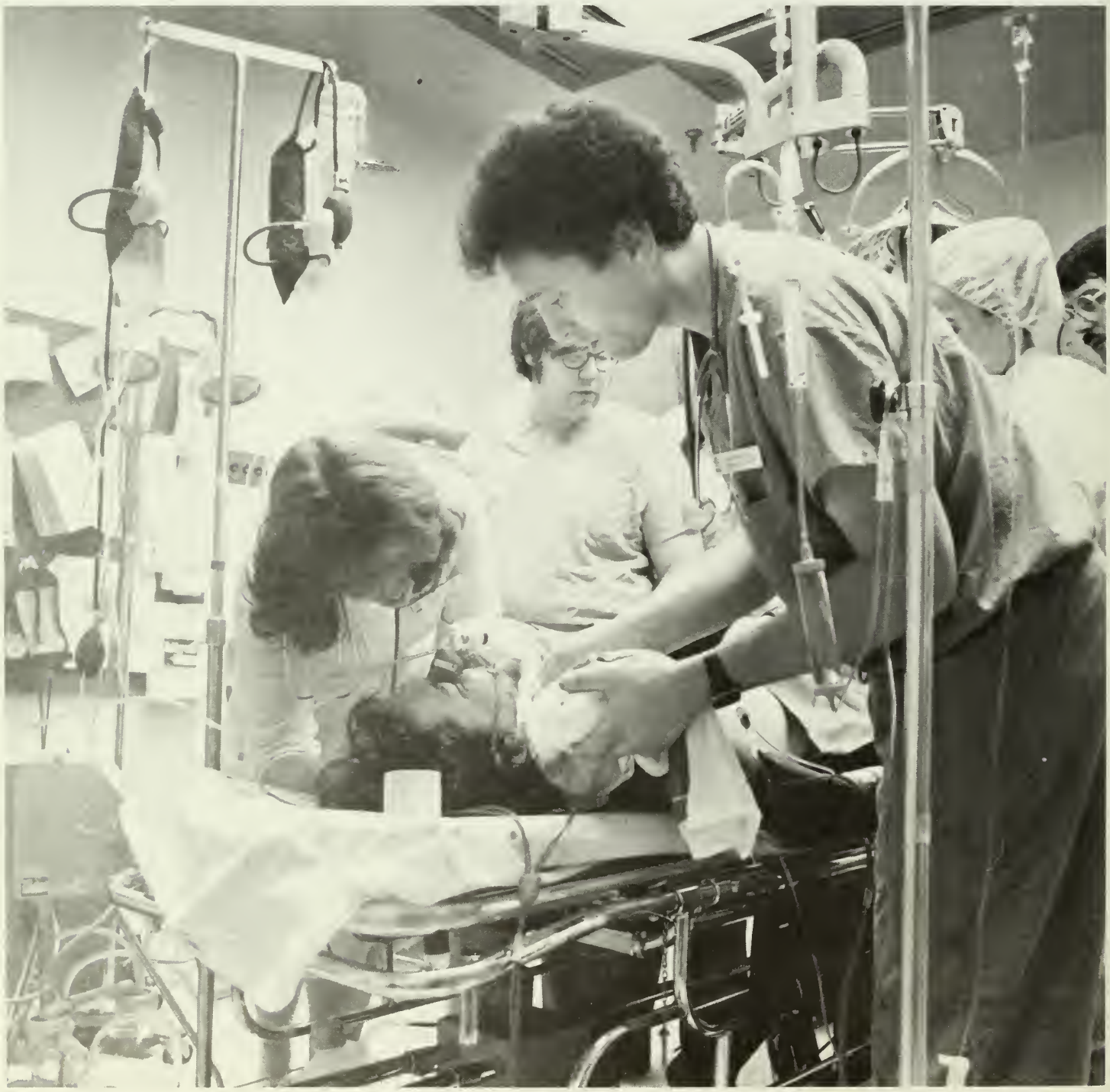
McGinnis's two partners eventually died, and Dr. Earl Bobo joined him in practice in 1971. "Dr. Bobo is left-handed," explains Dr. McGinnis, "and so he stands on the left of the operating table. I am right-handed and stand on the right side. He is an excellent surgeon, and we have been operating separately and as a team for more than ten years. When we are operating together, it is not as surgeon and assistant, but as two surgeons. We get down to business, and have developed marvelous coordination."

LaMar and Julia have two sons, Scott and Chris; and two daughters, Susie and Katie. The oldest son is 24, and the youngest daughter is 16.

Under McGinnis' leadership, work has progressed on the writing and publication of the MCG history, more alumni have been involved in providing support to MCG, and computerization of alumni and donor records has been almost completed. "And there's one more thing we've got to do," he grins, but he's serious. "We have got to get a permanent engraved plaque and mount it on the door of the room at Talmadge Memorial Hospital where Herschel Walker's mother brought him into this world."

Saving Lives

Talmadge's Shock Trauma Unit provides intensive, critical care



Shock trauma team works quickly to save the life of a stab victim

Photo by Chuck Bigger

By Toni Baker

Editor's note: *Georgia's first designated shock trauma service to care for the most critically injured accident victims is in operation at Talmadge Memorial Hospital. An estimated 150 persons a year from the state of Georgia will qualify for that service through involvement in some sort of accident like a serious automobile crash. This is a look at the service and the people who provide it. This article is reprinted by permission of the* **Augusta Chronicle.**

He was young and healthy until the bullet ripped through his chest.

At that instant, his life was on the line.

By the time the ambulance screeched to a halt at the front door, he was in shock because he had lost so much blood.

Shock trauma professionals at Talmadge Memorial Hospital met him at the door.

He was wheeled the short distance to the specially-equipped trauma room.

Elsewhere, the operating room was being prepared and blood bank staffers hustled. An X-ray machine waited.

Four big intravenous lines were started in the neck and groin to replace fluid.

But he was having trouble breathing. A tube was placed in his throat and a staffer pumped a bag to help the patient breathe.

The group worked diligently.

Then . . "We don't have a pulse."

"Open the thoracotomy tray," directs Dr. Edward Hall, senior surgery resident. "Hold his tube, don't let it come out."

Hall moved quickly. He made an incision across the left side of the chest and plunged his hand inside to grab the portion of the lung damaged by the bullet.

Staff members rush patient down hall to further care Photo by Chuck Bigger

"We've got a pulse now."

The loss of blood and air through the damaged part of the lung temporarily was stopped by Hall's hand.

"Open the door. We're going to surgery now," says Dr. Richard Treat, chief of trauma services.

With Hall's hand still in the young man's chest, the medical team rushed the patient down the hall to the operating room.

Hall kept his grip on the lung until another surgeon could close off the area with a clamp. Surgeons began to remove the damaged portion less than 15 minutes after the patient arrived.

A trail of blood to the operating room and a disheveled trauma room were the only reminders of the excitement just minutes before.

Hospital workers moved in quickly to wipe and clean the room until it had that antiseptic smell once again.

The procedure was short. The young man came through fine. In a few days he was sitting up and eating. A week later he went home.

Many cases don't end so quickly . . . or simply.

A case in point is another night and another young man.

He was shot in a hunting accident. X-rays, a spinal tap, and many more tests were needed to pin down the extent of his multiple problems.

The patient was alert this time.

Shock trauma patients can't be given a quick dose of pain medicine. Significant dosages of those relievers can affect the vital cardiovascular and respiratory systems. The medical team must know the conditions of those systems before sufficient amounts of medication can be given to help with the pain.

"Step on the gas," a young doctor

said, standing at the patient's feet, trying to get him to move his legs. "Pull your feet up. Point your toes. Wiggle your toes," he says. The legs were still.

"Pull your knees up to your chest." Still no response. One of the bullets apparently had damaged the spinal cord.

"Have I been hit in the back?" the patient asks.

"You've been hit in the back, stomach, chest and groin," Hall tells him. They must look at the patient's back. It's a painful move. "Hold on," Hall says.

"You're all right. Hang in there. I know it hurts."

The patient is moved to X-ray for more thorough testing. A seizure hits him, but the doctors quickly bring it under control.

The testing continues and the swarm of physicians and nurses follow the patient wherever he goes.

"He's got a good pulse, but it's weaker than it was," a nurse says.

"Somebody needs to call respiratory and tell them that we need to set up a ventilator wherever we are going," says another staffer.

The decision is made to go to the operating room.

Sometime near midnight the surgery begins. It will continue well into the morning.

This patient improved, only to turn for the worse again twice. He needed two more surgical procedures. The last one was some 15 hours long. But all the effort couldn't save him.

"I have realistic expectations of what we do," Treat says. "I'm not saying it's not difficult . . . discouraging at times," he says of the lost fight to save a patient.

But there tends to be some consolation in knowing the shock trauma team gives the patient his best shot at survival.

"My job is to make sure patients have the best possible chance to survive . . . to provide support," Treat says.

Treat's the man who makes decisions on just how the life-saving efforts will be handled.

Shock trauma care means a variety of surgeons — general, neuro, thoracic, orthopedic, plastic and others — who can get involved in a single trauma case.

"Somebody has to be able to integrate the care," Treat says. So he sets priorities.

The patients who need the specialized care range from those with a single life-threating injury like a shot to the heart to the complicated, multiple injuries.

"That's what you have to be able to provide for . . . the most critically injured patients." Treat says.

So surgeons are in the hospital 24 hours a day to take quick charge of those life-threatening situations.

Senior surgery resident Hall put in about 100 hours a week in his two and a half months on the shock trauma service.

"This is one of the most intensive services of all," said Hall, who was on call every day, all day during his rotation through the service.

He was able to put in the long hours through conditioning. "I think medical school and residency training prepares you for that," he says. "You just learn to go on a small amount of sleep. The people who can't take that sort of schedule don't go into surgery.

"Sometimes at 3 o'clock in the morning and you haven't had any sleep you feel like this," Hall says, drooping his shoulders and closing his eyes. "But if another patient rolls in the door you're wide awake again.

There does come a time when you can no longer do that. That's when you get help and take a rest."

But there's pleasure in caring for patients who don't punch any kind of time clock.

"It is one of the most exciting parts of surgery there is and one of the most gratifying," Hall says. The patients previously are normal, healthy people who are thrown into a situation where their health and existence are jeopardized.

"If you really do your job, you can save those people and return them to being normal, healthy human beings," he says. "That's gratifying. That's why you can tolerate the hours and work."

"I've done it for 10 years," says

Treat, who typically logs in more than 100 hours a week. "It's my life. It's what I want to do."

He doesn't worry about the hours affecting his ability. "There's absolutely no doubt in my mind I can function," he says. "When the trauma beeper goes off, your whole body changes instinctively. When you are faced with a patient in the emergency room that's critically injured, there is just no problem."

But shock trauma care goes far beyond emergency procedures.

"The care is not 20 minutes here (in the trauma room) and three hours in the operating room. That's just the beginning," Treat says of the critical care shock trauma patients need.

Talmadge has a four-bed unit and an isolation room designed for the intensive care that must follow.

"I call it the intensive, intensive care," says Bob Conner, advanced emergency medical technican who works in the shock trauma unit.

This room is a mass of beeping, blinking equipment that can monitor any vital function where each patient has at least one nurse and a physician stays at all times.

The surgeons frequently can be found here.

"This is critical care," Treat says. "It is a medical specialist sitting by the bedside. We don't want to treat complications. We want to prevent complications."

"Seconds count, they really do," Helen Boyd, head nurse in the shock trauma unit, says of the effort made to support life in her unit.

Shock trauma patients who don't need surgery come directly to this unit. Surgical patients are moved in after recovery. The patients remain here until their critical period is over. Then they move to another ward or back to the referring hospital.

The nurses in the shock trauma unit provide much of the hands-on medical care and some extras.

They bathe the patients and wash their hair.

"You try and put their feet in a pan of water when you can," Miss Boyd says. "It's soothing to them. You can see their heart rate change. They close their eyes and kind of drift off."

And they talk to the families before they ever enter the unit and see a loved one hooked up to a maze of machinery.

"You tell them it's going to be hard . . . it's going to be a shock," Miss Boyd says. But the philosophy is that families play an important part in the patients' getting well.

"We try to get the families to come and hold their hands and not worry about tubes and machinery," she says. And the nurses listen to the families. "They need to tell the story over and over again, so they can believe it or accept it."

The nurses also talk to their patients and touch them, whether they appear conscious or not.

"You feel like you have known them so well by the time they leave," the head nurse says. "I don't think there's a patient we've forgotten. We have nicknames for them."

But the day to day closeness can take its emotional toll, especially when they lose a patient.

"Sometimes you know a patient's heading that way and you kind of build

Unit's floor is littered as patient is taken to x-ray Photo by Chuck Bigger

up for it," says Judy Treat, shock trauma nurse. She's shared the pain of losing a patient with the family before. "You can still feel compassion and empathy for patients and families. But you have to stop at a certain point," she says.

"If you don't take care of your emotions, you can't function as well," Miss Boyd says. "You don't need to function like a machine, but at a distance so your hands don't shake and your eyes don't tear up. The hard thing is to walk the fine line and still have feelings.

"You can't be a part of every patient's life. What you can do is help that patient help himself and give him every opportunity to get better."

It's that positive attitude about the patient's future that helps fuel this team.

"If we allow ourselves to say he's too bad to save, we wouldn't save the next guy," Treat says. Unless there's no doubt in Treat's mind the patient couldn't make it, "I always think what could I have done better.

"It's an honor and a privilege to take care of people . . . it's not a job."

Mankind's three greatest foes

Toby Ivey delivering commencement speech

Editor's note: *This is an edited version of the 1982 commencement speech delivered by Toby Ivey, chairman of the Board of Regents.*

Since the dawn of recorded history, humanity has struggled first to survive, and then to prosper. Mankind has been confronted throughout history with three scourges — three specters — three great fears: the fear of pain, the fear of illness, the fear of death.

Men and women of the medical profession have undertaken to bring surcease to these demons. In that connotation, I thought about my great great-grandfather, and I wondered — when he received his diploma, his parchment, when he walked out of whatever building — I assume it's over there on Telfair Street — what was he armed with? What tools? What weapons did he have to meet the medical needs of the day?

If you recall, it was the time when "bleeding" was very much in vogue; the use of leeches was still good medical practice; nurses as we know them had not yet evolved. It wasn't until the Crimean War in 1856 that Florence Nightingale fostered the idea that nurses, indeed, had a useful place in the hierarchy of medicine. It was a time when perhaps one of the greatest boons to mankind was in its genesis — anesthesia. It is attributed to Dr. William Green Morton, a dentist in Massachusetts, who through the use of nitrous oxide in 1846, gave it birth. At the same time, and perhaps even before, a native Georgian, Dr. Crawford Long, used ether in Jefferson, Georgia. When this nation underwent its great hemorrhage of trauma and outpouring of blood and gore — the Civil War, anesthesia was not a viable commodity. This was before Pasteur and his studies on germs and vaccinations; Joseph Lister, antiseptics — sterile treatment of the wound — all these things. As I realized that, I wondered, what did my great great-grandfather and his contemporaries have as they undertook their responsibilities as physicians. There was no technology. Medications, as such, were virtually non-existent. It occurred to me that what they had as their stock in trade was the human factor. Basically, a sense of devotion, care, and honest concern mixed with patience, some degree of inspiration, luck and the remarkable resilience of the human body to respond from any insult. That was what they had and that was basically all they had.

In stark contrast today, to those pitiful limitations, before me are 624 (and I understand now 622 — my condolences to the missing two) graduates

"Do not allow . . . the technology . . . to come between you and the basic human factors."

of a health university diverse in training, ambitions, and abilities. You're products of twenty-one separate programs and degrees. Nonetheless, a commonality exists among all of you, which makes a continuous line to my great great-grandfather's time, whether medical illustrators, lab technicians, nurses, dentists, physicians, researchers or otherwise, humanity remains the common currency of your enterprise — whether directly or peripherally — and you still do battle against those same three demons: pain, sickness, and death.

While everything has changed, yet to that extent nothing has changed. As of today, everyone who crosses this stage has made a commitment to their fellow man, or woman. It is a burden you assume which is neither lightly carried nor easily escaped.

The specter of mankind's great fears shadow you as they did in generations and centuries passed. It is your special trust to us to deal with them. You now have the tools to do so.

Ignorance has given way to technology. Instead of myth, superstition, leeches, and blind faith, you have modern treatment facilities and regimens. You have drugs. You have devices that could not be conceived of even fifteen years ago. Indeed, the human factor has been largely supplanted by science, and this concerns me very much. It is a logical — and even understandable — evolution, but it can also be a totally destructive one. You must not — you should not — you cannot — ever allow technology to replace the need for caring, and permit this to be not just the means to a cure, but also a barrier from your own feelings. I understand and appreciate the need for developed toughness — for the detachment that your positions require in order to protect your own sanity and good judgment.

Arteriograms, angiograms, sonargrams, myelograms, brain scans — on ad infinitum — are wonderful procedures; they are fine, useful, necessary undertakings; but so often they tend to obscure the fact that the recipient of these procedures is not some inanimate object, but is a real, live, feeling person, just as you and I are. Perhaps the only real difference in that person is the fact that he or she is most likely completely bewildered, terribly confused, hopeless depressed and perhaps even in pain. These are the human factors that modern medicine, for all its wonders, can never afford to ignore.

I read an address made by Alan Alda, to Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons a couple of years ago. Alan Alda, as you recall, is a TV and movie personality, who plays "Hawkeye" Pierce on the "MASH" series. He's an iconoclastic, irreverent, extremely skilled physician, and Alan Alda put in a paragraph (which I was tempted to take credit for, but good judgement persuaded me otherwise) a summary of what I've tried to say to you, and I'd like to read that to you. He said:

> "Let me challenge you. With all your study, you can name all the bones in my body. You can read my x-rays like a telegram. But can you read my involuntary muscles? Can you see the fear and uncertainty in my face? If I tell you where it hurts, can you hear in my voice where I ache? I show you my body, but I bring you my person. Can you see me through your reading glasses? Will you tell me what you're doing — and in words I can understand? Will you tell me when you don't know what to do? Will you face your own fear, your own uncertainty? When in doubt, can you call in help?"

Now, each of you is an integral part of mankind's noblest understanding. You will soon begin a lifelong pursuit of an art, a skill, a profession that has no equal in the eyes of our society. In a day and time when people do not want to get involved, I implore you do not fall prey to that syndrome yourselves. Do not succumb to that temptation. Do not allow the skills of your profession — the technology, the walls, the barriers it so easily presents for you to hide behind — to come between you and the simple, basic human factors that constituted the only armament of those physicians years past.

I congratulate you on your understanding. I have, as I promised, been brief. And in conclusion, besides my heartfelt congratulations to each of you, I want to extract a promise. Education in Georgia is important to me. It's important to everyone in this room. You are the finest products of Georgia's education. Many of you will leave the state for further studies. If you leave the state, come back. If you have a choice, don't ever leave to begin with. Think of Georgia and put it uppermost in your plans for the future, for we here need and deserve the best the medical profession can offer. In my opinion, you are fine representatives of that goal.

Thank you, and, again, I congratulate you.

CLASS NOTES

SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Department of Medical Records Administration

Jean Brannan Walker, '75, Atlanta, and her husband, Forrest Walker, have a daughter, Meredith Page, born on January 18, 1982. Jean is director of medical records at Georgia Baptist Medical Center in Atlanta.

Department of Occupational Therapy

Joleen Lentin Dunson, '77, Warm Springs, is director of occupational therapy at Roosevelt Institute in Warm Springs.

Lane Hellenga Tucker, '78, Lavonia, and her husband have a son, Clint, born on October 23, 1981. She now is working at Home Health Services in Anderson, SC.

Department of Physician's Assistants

Raymond Derry Crosby, '78, York, PA, has been appointed to serve a one-year rotating internship at Memorial Osteopathic Hospital in York. Dr. Crosby has been elected by the MOH intern class as chief intern for the 1983 school year. He earned his Doctor of Osteopathy in 1982 from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, Lewisburg.

Department of Radiology Technology
Department of Nuclear Medicine Technology

Patricia DuPuis Scherer, '71 and '72, Augusta, graduated from Medical College of Georgia with a degree in RT and NMT. She graduated from Augusta College Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. degree in Psychology. Patricia was elected to National Honors, Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, and received the President's award for Outstanding Senior Senator. She and her husband have one son, Jason.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Paul Winter Giddings, '80, Liberty, SC, plans to practice general dentistry in Liberty. Dr. Giddings has completed a residency program in general dentistry at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. He graduated from Wofford College in Spartanburg.

Robert Steven Powell, '81, Philadelphia, PA, graduated from general practice residency at Naval Regional Medical Center in Camp Pendleton, CA. He is now on the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga in Philadelphia.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Charles I. Bryans, '43, Augusta, and **Walter G. Watson**, '43, Augusta, were the first recipients of a newly created OB-GYN departmental pin in recognition of their dedicated service to the department. The pin will be given to every resident at the completion of their training.

Carol Graham Pryor, '47, Augusta, received a Georgia College Alumni Achievement Award. Dr. Pryor was the first woman in Georgia to be certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the first woman to become a member of the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. She has twice served as chief of staff in obstetrics and gynecology at St. Joseph Hospital and was a founding doctor of Doctors Hospital.

Murray C. Arkin, '53, Savannah, has been elected to fellowship in the National Medical Specialty Society. He is a specialist in internal medicine and clinical immunology. Dr. Arkin is now on staff at Memorial Medical Center, Candler General Hospital, and St. Joseph Hospital.

Grant Perry Carmichael, '60, Athens, is specializing in family practice. He and his wife have three sons and two daughters: Grant, Patrick, Tom, Laura, and Mary.

William Edward Silver, '63, Atlanta, was guest speaker at the Third John F. Daly Visiting Professorship lecture. The title of his talk was "Repair of Traumatic Nasal Collapse When Cartilage is Not Available."

Richard Furman, '66, Boone, NC, has written a book about his training and experience as a surgeon. *To be a Surgeon* recounts incidents in the life of a medical student and relates the author's strong Christian commitment in his profession and in forming an organization of American surgeons willing to serve voluntarily for several weeks at hospitals operated as foreign mission projects.

Richard N. Boswell, '71, San Antonio, TX, has been elected to fellowship in the National Medical Specialty Society. Dr. Boswell, a specialist in internal medicine/oncology, is on staff at Lackland AFB and Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD.

Matthew D. Carson, '73, Winston-Salem, NC, was recently honored as the outstanding resident in radiology at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine/North Carolina Baptist Hospital Medical Center. Dr. Carson, as chief resident in radiology at the medical center, was presented the Radiology Faculty Award.

Charlotte A. LaRocca, '78, Hartford, CT, completed a residency in psychiatry in July, 1982, at the Institute of Living in Hartford. She has joined the staff of the Institute as a staff psychiatrist and has also opened a private practice.

James Christopher Harmon, '79, Cornelia, has completed his residency in family medicine in Greenville, SC. He will be opening a practice in family medicine in Cornelia, in July. He and his wife, Leslie Johnston Harmon, have one son, Mark Christopher, born on December 22, 1980.

William S. Mayberry, '79, Watkinsville, and his wife wish to announce the birth of their second child, Terry Elizabeth. Dr. Mayberry will establish private practice in family medicine in Watkinsville.

James Wilson Walker, '81, Cooperstown, NY, is on his second year of residency at Bassett Hospital.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Jane Nerney Burns, '72, Gainesville, FL, received a masters degree in pediatrics. She taught ambulatory pediatrics at the University of Florida. She is now practicing as a pediatric nurse.

Nancy Lorraine Willis, '77, Decatur, is currently employed as a clinical critical care instructor at DeKalb General Hospital in Deca-

tur. She received her masters degree in nursing from Emory University.

Leslie Johnston Harmon, '79, Cornelia, and her husband, Dr. James Harmon, have one son, Mark Christopher. She has been a prenatal instructor and a staff RN at the Greenville Hospital System for the past three years.

DECEASED

Faculty

Preston Lee Davidson
Philip Dow
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Erma Cannon Myers
Phoebe Kandel Rohrer

Alumni

I. Henry Agos, '21, Hollywood, FL
Ira O. McLemore, '23, Bellevue, WA
Leroy Henry Oetjen, '27, Leesburg, FL
Aldwin G. Funderburke, '33, Moultrie, GA
Harold M. Smith, '39, Savannah, GA
Albert L. Morris, Jr., '43 (Decem.), Fairburn, GA
Richard A. Steinbach, '47, Washington, DC
Raymond H. Jordan, '51, Milledgeville, GA
Edwin E. Sapp, '53, Jacksonville, FL
Rodney D. Duhn, '78, Morganton, GA

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The following is a list of courses planned for the next four months. For more information regarding any course, or for reservations, call the Division of Continuing Education at 404-828-3998 or write the Division of Continuing Education, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA 30912.

MEDICINE

The Eighteenth Annual Family Practice Symposium
February 21-26 and repeated May 2-7, 1983
Augusta

Sixth Annual Symposium on Emergency Medicine
March 1-4, 1983
Durango, Colo.

Electrocardiography and Arrhythmias
March 3-5, 1983
Augusta

NURSING

Risk Management for Nurses
February 10-11, 1983
Augusta

Update in Women's Health Issues
February 18-19, 1983
Augusta

Neurological/Neurosurgical Nursing
March 16-18, 1983
Augusta

Shock and the Medical Patient
April 26-27, 1983
Augusta

DENTISTRY

Practice Management — Fifth Marvin Goldstein Lectureship
January 21-22, 1983
Augusta

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (Participation)
February 4, 1983
Augusta

Nitrous Oxide Sedation (Participation)
February 5-6, 1983
Augusta

Adjunctive Orthodontics for the General Practitioner (Participation)
February 27-28, 1983
Augusta

TMJ Pain and Dysfunction
March 7-11, 1983
Durango, Colo.

Master's Dentistry Symposium: Endosseous Dental Implants
April 1-2, 1983
Augusta

Fixed Prosthodontics
April 3-4, 1983
Augusta

Oral Surgery for the General Practitioner
April 22-23, 1983
Savannah

The 1981-82 Bench Mark
July 1, 1981 through June 30, 1982

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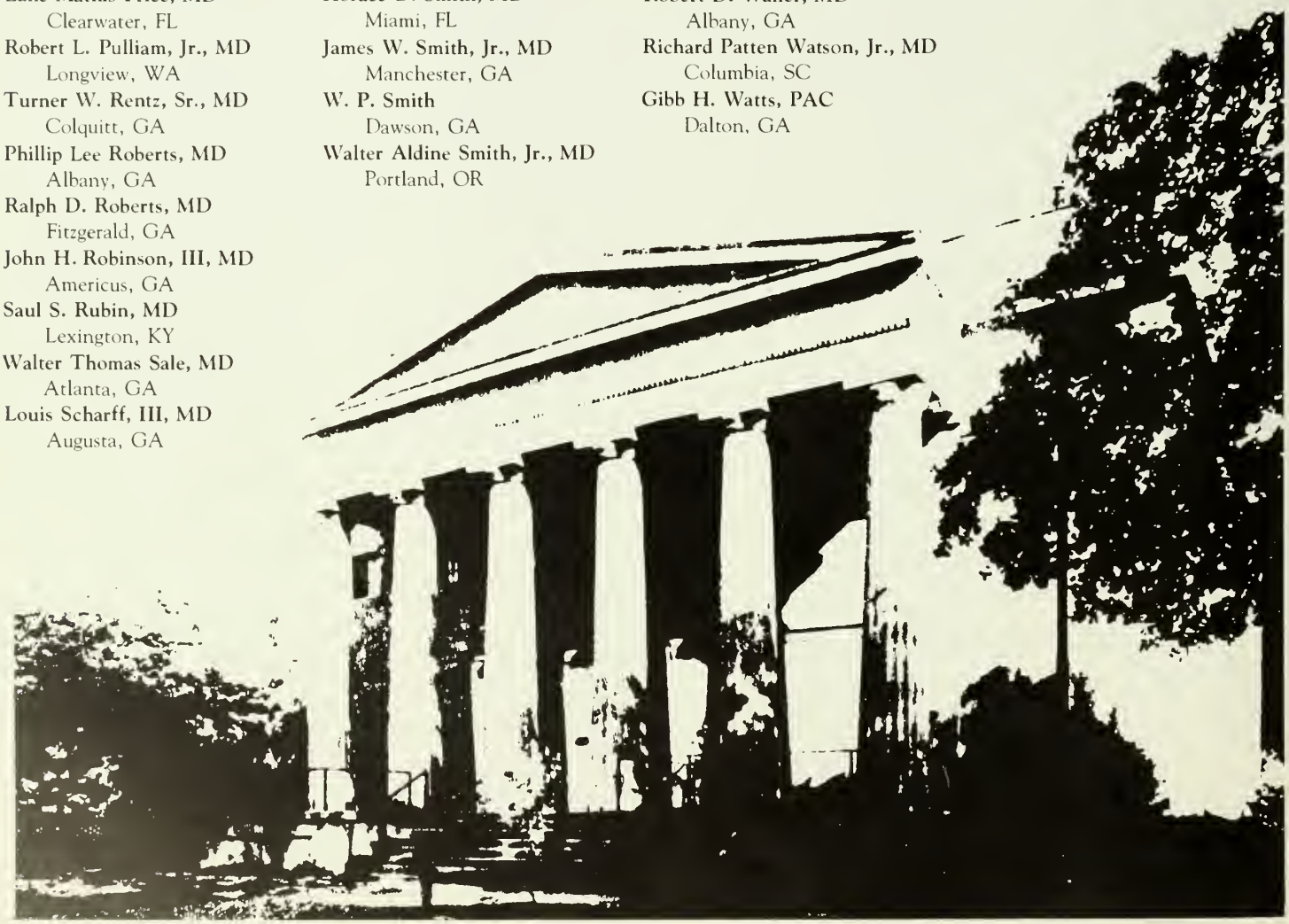

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